

REMARKS

The title and claims 6, 10, and 15 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 9, and 18 have been cancelled and new claims 45-51 have been added. Claims 6-8, 10-17, 19-35, and 45-51 are currently pending.

Claims 1-8 and 11-17 stand rejected. Claims 9, 10, and 18 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Office Action indicates these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 19-35 have been allowed.

Applicant has amended and added new claims that incorporate the limitations of claims 9, 10, and 18 into the claims from which they were dependant.

Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 9. As indicated by the Examiner, as amended, claim 6 is allowable. Claims 7-8 and 10-14 depend from claim 6 and are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above regarding claim 6.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 18. As indicated by the Examiner, as amended, claim 15 is allowable. Claims 16 and 17 both depend from claim 15 and are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above regarding claim 15.

New claim 45 has been added. Claim 45 includes the limitations of rejected claim 6 with the limitations of objected to claim 10. As indicated by the Examiner, this subject matter is allowable. Claims 46-51 depend from claim 45 and are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above regarding claim 45.

Appl. No. 10/099,840

Applicant requests that applicants drawings be formerly accepted.

This application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance.

Therefore, action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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